



# National Parks & Wildlife Advisory Council

## Meeting summary – 15-16 February 2022 (online)

The National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council provides the Minister for Environment and Heritage and the NPWS executive with independent, informed advice on the priorities, design and evaluation of NPWS policies, strategies and programs to help achieve the objects of the National Parks and Wildlife Act. Council also plays a key advocacy role through engagement with stakeholder organisations.

The Council met online on Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 February 2022.

Council were briefed on and considered:

- The new **Minister** and machinery of government changes
- **Amendments to the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974** and associated changes to the functions of the Council
- Updates from regional advisory committees (RAC)
- Ongoing improvements and initiatives to **campground bookings** and **digital parks passes**
- **Multi-use recreational** principles
- The **draft Accessibility (disability inclusion) Policy**
- Recent acquisitions including **Brindingabba-Bindra and Killalea State Park** and 194 hectares of **Koala** habitat adjacent to the Lake Innes Nature Reserve
- **Gardens of Stone State Conservation Area**
- The implementation **Kosciuszko National Park Wild Horse Heritage Management Plan**
- **Status of plans of management** and the current PoM program
- **Leases and Licences** under review.

Council provided advice to the Minister on the:

- Kosciuszko National Park Plan of Management Special Activation Precinct amendment.

More information

[www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NPWS/NPWSAdvisoryCouncil.html](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NPWS/NPWSAdvisoryCouncil.html)

## Council members

**Cr Phyllis Miller OAM (Chairperson):** Experience in planning and local government, nominated by Local Government NSW

**Mr Ted Rowley:** Expertise and experience in rural and regional development and planning issues.

**Assoc Prof Rosemary Black:** Expertise and experience in environmental education and community involvement in environmental education.

**Mr Brian Everingham:** Expertise in non-government organisations concerned with the conservation of nature, nominated by NSW National Parks Assoc.

**Cr Romola Hollywood:** Experience in planning and local government, nominated by Local Government NSW

**Mr Paul Knight:** Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee member

**Assoc Prof Julie Old:** Scientific qualifications in an area associated with the conservation of nature.

**Ms Cathy Parsons:** Expertise and experience in bush fire management.

**Ms Bronwyn Petrie:** Expertise and experience in agriculture and rural issues, nominated by the NSW Farmers' Association (observer)

**Mr Craig Thomas:** Representing peak recreational bodies.

**Ms Dianne Thompson OAM:** Expertise in non-government organisations concerned with the conservation of nature, nominated by the Nature Conservation Council of New South Wales.